

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claim 1. (Currently Amended) A phenol resin composition comprising a phenol resin and acicular or cylindrical boehmite having an average particle diameter (minor diameter) of 100 nm or less.

Claim 2. (Currently Amended) A phenol resin composition comprising a phenol resin and acicular or cylindrical boehmite having an average particle diameter (minor diameter) of 100 nm or less, wherein the boehmite has an aspect ratio of 1 to 100.

Claim 3. (Currently Amended) A phenol resin composition comprising a phenol resin, acicular or cylindrical boehmite having an average particle diameter (minor diameter) of 100 nm or less and an alumina-based compound as a filler.

Claim 4. (Currently Amended) A phenol resin composition comprising a phenol resin, acicular or cylindrical boehmite having an average particle diameter (minor diameter) of 100 nm or less and an alumina-based compound as a filler, wherein the boehmite has an aspect ratio of 1 to 100.

Claim 5. (Currently Amended) A phenol resin composition comprising a phenol resin and acicular or cylindrical boehmite having an average particle diameter (minor diameter) of

100 nm or less, ~~an~~ the amount of the boehmite being from 1 to 150 parts based on 100 parts by weight of the phenol resin.

Claim 6. (Currently Amended) A phenol resin composition comprising a phenol resin and acicular or cylindrical boehmite having an average particle diameter (minor diameter) of 100 nm or less, ~~an~~ the amount of the boehmite being from 1 to 150 parts based on 100 parts by weight of the phenol resin, the phenol resin composition further comprising an alumina-based compound as a filler.

Claim 7. (Currently Amended) A phenol resin composition comprising a phenol resin and acicular or cylindrical boehmite having an average particle diameter (minor diameter) of 100 nm or less and an aspect ratio of 1 to 100, ~~an~~ the amount of the boehmite being from 1 to 150 parts based on 100 parts by weight of the phenol resin.

Claim 8. (Currently Amended) A phenol resin composition comprising a phenol resin and acicular or cylindrical boehmite having an average particle diameter (minor diameter) of 100 nm or less and an aspect ratio of 1 to 100, ~~an~~ the amount of the boehmite being from 1 to 150 parts based on 100 parts by weight of the phenol resin, the phenol resin composition further comprising an alumina-based compound as a filler.

Claim 9. (Original) The phenol resin composition according to any one of claims 1 to 8, which has thermosetting properties.

Claim 10. (Original) The phenol resin composition according to any one of claims 1 to 4, further comprising a benzooxazine resin in a weight ratio of the phenol resin to the benzooxazine resin within a range from 95/5 to 25/75.

Claim 11. (Original) The phenol resin composition according to any one of claims 5 to 8, further comprising a benzooxazine resin in a weight ratio of the phenol resin to the benzooxazine resin within a range from 95/5 to 25/75 (provided that the content of the boehmite is within a range from 1 to 150 parts by weight based on 100 parts by weight of the total amount of the phenol resin and the benzooxazine resin).

12. (Original) The phenol resin composition according to claim 10, which has thermosetting properties.

13. (Original) The phenol resin composition according to claim 11, which has thermosetting properties.